

# **EXHIBIT A**



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**VIA CERTIFIED U.S. MAIL**  
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Abbott Bioresearch Center, Inc.  
100 Research Drive  
Worcester, Massachusetts 01605  
Attn: Legal Department

Dear Sir or Madam:

This letter addresses your obligations under the license agreement dated June 1, 1995, between Columbia and BASF Bioresearch Corporation

Columbia for all time disclaims any right under the license agreement to collect a royalty from Abbott Bioresearch Center, Inc. based on the existence of a pending patent application.

To the extent you have paid a royalty under the license agreement based on the existence of a pending patent application, as opposed to an issued patent, please make an accounting of these payments to Columbia (with supporting documentation), and Columbia will refund the appropriate amount.

Very truly yours,

Michael J. Cleare, Ph.D.  
Executive Director  
Science and Technology Ventures

cc: Abbott Laboratories  
100 Abbott Park Rd.  
Abbott Park, IL 60064  
Attn: General Counsel

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Abbott Bioresearch Center, Inc.  
100 Research Drive  
Worcester, Massachusetts 01605  
Attn: Robert J. Anderson

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Amgen, Inc.  
One Amgen Center Drive  
Thousand Oaks, CA 91320  
Attn: General Counsel

Dear Sir or Madam:

This letter addresses your obligation under the license agreement dated June 1, 1989, between Columbia and Amgen, Inc.

Columbia for all time disclaims any right under the license agreement to collect a royalty from Amgen based on the existence of a pending patent application.

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Biogen, Inc.  
Fourteen Cambridge Center  
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02142  
Att: Vice President, Marketing

Dear Sir or Madam:

This letter addresses your obligations under the license agreement dated December, 1993, between Columbia and Biogen, Inc.

Columbia for all time disclaims any right under the license agreement to collect a royalty from Biogen based on the existence of a pending patent application.

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cc: General Counsel  
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Fourteen Cambridge Center  
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02142

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Ramsey Stewart  
Associate General Counsel  
Biogen Idec Inc.  
3030 Callan Rd.  
San Diego, CA 92121

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Genentech, Inc.  
1 DNA Way  
South San Francisco, CA 94080  
Attn: Corporate Secretary

Dear Sir or Madam:

This letter addresses your obligations under the license agreement dated October 12, 1987, between Columbia and Genentech, Inc.

Columbia for all time disclaims any right under the license agreement to collect a royalty from Genentech based on the existence of a pending patent application.

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Genetics Institute LLC  
87 Cambridge Park Drive  
Cambridge, MA 02140  
Attn: Bruce C. Eisen, Esq.

Dear Sir or Madam:

This letter addresses your obligations under the license agreement dated July 31, 1990, between Columbia and Genetics Institute, Inc.

Columbia for all time disclaims any right under the license agreement to collect a royalty from Genetics Institute based on the existence of a pending patent application.

To the extent you have paid a royalty under the license agreement based on the existence of a pending patent application, as opposed to an issued patent, please make an accounting of these payments to Columbia (with supporting documentation), and Columbia will refund the appropriate amount.

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cc: Wyeth  
IP Law Department  
87 Cambridge Park Drive  
Cambridge, MA 02140  
Attn: M. Andrea Ryan  
Attn: General Counsel

Wyeth  
Five Giralda Farms  
Madison, NJ 07940  
Attn: General Counsel

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Genzyme Corporation  
500 Kendall Street  
Cambridge, MA 02142  
Attn: Vice President  
General Counsel

Dear Sir or Madam:

This letter addresses your obligations under the license agreement dated February 1994, between Columbia and Genzyme Corporation.

Columbia for all time disclaims any right under the license agreement to collect a royalty from Genzyme based on the existence of a pending patent application.

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Immunex Corporation  
51 University Street  
Seattle, Washington 98101  
Attn: Scott Hallquist, Esq.  
General Counsel

Dear Sir or Madam:

This letter addresses your obligations under the license agreement dated October 1, 1991, between Columbia University and Immunex Corporation.

Columbia for all time disclaims any right under the license agreement to collect a royalty from Immunex based on the existence of a pending patent application.

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One Amgen Center Drive  
Thousand Oaks, CA 91320  
Attn: General Counsel

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Johnson & Johnson  
One Johnson & Johnson Plaza  
New Brunswick, NJ 08933-7003  
Attn: General Counsel

Dear Sir or Madam:

This letter addresses your obligations under the license agreement dated December 14, 1989, between Columbia and Johnson & Johnson

Columbia for all time disclaims any right under the license agreement to collect a royalty from J&J based on the existence of a pending patent application.

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President  
Johnson & Johnson  
One Johnson & Johnson Plaza  
New Brunswick, NJ 08933-7003

Dear Sir or Madam:

This letter addresses your obligations under the license agreement dated May 31, 1984, between Columbia and Johnson & Johnson.

Columbia for all time disclaims any right under the license agreement to collect a royalty from J&J based on the existence of a pending patent application.

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cc: Chief Patent Counsel  
Johnson & Johnson  
1 Johnson & Johnson Plaza  
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Wyeth Laboratories  
P.O. Box 8299  
Philadelphia, PA 19101  
Attn: H.P.K. Agersborg, Vice President,  
Research & Development

Dear Sir or Madam:

This letter addresses your obligations under the license agreement dated May 30, 1984, between Columbia and American Home Products Corporation.

Columbia for all time disclaims any right under the license agreement to collect a royalty from Wyeth based on the existence of a pending patent application.

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Five Giralda Farms  
Madison, NJ 07940  
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500 Arcola Road  
Collegeville, PA 19426

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Attn: Vice President, Research & Development

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